

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING KYLIE MEIER OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kylie Meier of the Camdenton Lakers for her first place win in the 300 meter hurdles at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Kylie and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Kylie Meier on a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR JERRY HATTER ON THE DATE OF HIS 26TH PASTORAL ANNI- VERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jerry Hatter on the date of his 26th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Hatter has provided spiritual guidance and leadership during his tenure as Pastor of the Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Born in Haynesville, Louisiana, Pastor Hatter moved to the Detroit area to further his education, earning an MBA from the University of Detroit in 1976. He quickly established himself as a pillar of the southeast Michigan community through his work with Ford Motor Company and in religious life. Pastor Hatter began his work with the ministry in 1986, when he began serving as a minister Deacon and later as an Associate Minister with Oak Grove AME Church in Detroit. He then graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary and began serving as a pastor for Brown Chapel AME in 1991, where he has remained for 26 years. Pastor Hatter is well-known in the community for his work and activism, providing religious guidance for the Brown Chapel congregation and leadership in caring for his community by working with organizations offering financial help, healthcare and job training. These include Good Samaritan Outreach, which provides food assistance to those in need.

Pastor Hatter's decades of service to the Ypsilanti community has helped it grow and prosper. Throughout his time with Brown Chapel, Pastor Hatter has earned a reputation as a steadfast spiritual leader and effective advocate who is dedicated to the well-being of those less fortunate. His work with the Hope Clinic, Southeastern Michigan AME Minister's Alliance and SOS Community Services has

been critical for supporting social, economic and educational well-being and promoting human dignity for all. Pastor Hatter's commitment to Ypsilanti and its residents has impacted countless lives, and it is my hope that he continues to provide leadership for Brown Chapel and the city in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Jerry Hatter on his 26th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Hatter is a force for good for southeast Michigan through his spiritual guidance and outreach.

CONGRATULATING LUCAS KUHN OF THE CHAMOIS PIRATES

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lucas Kuhn of the Chamois Pirates for his first place win in the 300 meter hurdles at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Lucas and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Lucas Kuhn for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN- NIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDE- PENDENCE

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence from the British Empire.

Seventy years ago, millions of Indians banded together for independence and rallied to attain freedom from Britain. Among them were more than 1,600 languages and dialects, eight major religions, and in excess of 350 million people. Despite these differences, they were united by a singular desire for democratic home rule. Ordinary men and women fought peacefully to realize this dream, and their victory stands as a testament to the enduring power of freedom.

Today, India stands as a beacon for what can be achieved. As the world's largest democracy and home to more than 1.3 billion people, India boasts the world's largest middle class and one of the world's highest economic growth rates. Meanwhile, India's reach extends far beyond her borders. Today, there are five Indian-American members of Congress including myself, and India has become one of the United States' largest trading partners. I see India's influence every day in the

U.S. Capitol and in my very own congressional district in Illinois. My district is nearly 10 percent Indian-American, one of the highest percentages in the country, and my constituents take pride in seeing how much their homeland has grown in prominence. We all share in the joy of seeing how far India has come, and I have no doubt that this progress will continue.

Looking ahead, India will continue to grow and become stronger for the same reason that the United States has endured: its belief in democracy, justice, free and fair elections, freedom of conscience and press, and the diversity of cultures and religions that withstood the tests of the Mughal Empire, British Rule, Partition, and globalization.

Seventy years ago, India's people dreamed of a free and democratic country. Today, that dream is a reality. Tomorrow and far into the future, that reality will endure.

I would like to honor Indian Independence Day on August 15, 2017.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MARGE PRESTON FOR HER DISTIN- GUISHED CAREER IN HIGHER EDUCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Marge Preston for her outstanding career in higher education. Ms. Preston has served the State of Michigan and its young people well through her work with Central Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University.

Ms. Preston began her career with Central Michigan University, where she spent 27 years serving in a variety of positions, including Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Coordinator of the University's Career Resource Center. In 2003, she joined Eastern Michigan University and has served the EMU community with distinction during her tenure. She began as the university's Executive Secretary to the Vice President for University Relations, and ultimately held several positions, including Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Government and Community Relations. In this capacity, Ms. Preston managed all aspects of the GCR office, including assisting the University's legal counsel with inquiries, serving as a liaison for state and federal officials and coordinating special events and projects on behalf of the EMU Vice President.

Ms. Preston has been a tireless advocate on behalf of EMU and the Ypsilanti community at large through her service to the university. As a result of her efforts, EMU has been an effective policy advocate whose work with the state and federal government has benefitted both students and educators. Ms. Preston also received recognition throughout her career, including receiving the Central Michigan University Staff Excellence Award. She was also a

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